

In the Claims

1. (Canceled)

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11. (New) A process for initially filling a bore in a housing of a hydraulic apparatus in a circuit with liquid and thereafter maintaining a level of liquid in said circuit comprising the steps of:

sealing a first orifice for a first duct in said housing and connected to said bore with a solid set screw;

connecting said bore to a source of vacuum through a second orifice for a second duct to remove air from said bore;

isolating said second orifice from said vacuum source;

connecting said second orifice to a reservoir of hydraulic liquid under pressure to fill the bore and circuit with liquid; and

thereafter removing said solid set screw from said first orifice to allow liquid and any air remaining in said bore to flow from said bore.

12. (New) The process as recited in claim 11 further including the step of:

inserting a bleed screw having an axial duct therein into said first orifice to restrict the flow of liquid and any air from said bore.

13. (New) The process as recited in claim 12 further including the steps of:

removing said bleed screw from said first orifice; and

inserting a solid set screw in said first orifice to seal said bore from the surrounding environment.